

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 57, 58, 60, 77 and 78 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rhoads U.S. Patent No. 3,124,402 ("Rhoads") in view of Wickenberg U.S. Patent No. 4,015,886 ("Wickenberg").

The Examiner has stated that claims 59 and 61-76 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiner's statement regarding allowable subject matter, the Applicants have made the following amendments:

- a) claim 57 has been amended to include the limitations and elements of claim 59;
- b) claim 59 has been cancelled;
- c) claim 62 has been amended to depend from claim 57;
- d) claim 77 has been amended to include some of the limitations and elements of dependent claim 59;
- e) new claim 79 has been added which is a combination of previously presented claim 57 (with no slots in the inclined section) and the elements and limitations of dependent claim 62;
- f) new claim 80 has been added which is a combination of previously presented claim 57 (with no slots in the inclined

section) and the elements and limitations of dependent claim 76; and

g) new claim 81 has been added which is a combination of previously presented claim 57 (with no slots in the inclined section) with the elements and limitations of dependent claim 75.

Applicants submit the combination of Rhoads and Wickenberg does not teach or suggest the storage bin of independent claims 57, 77, 79, 80 and 81.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims are now allowable.

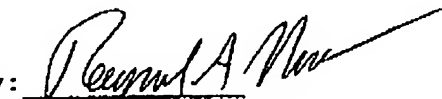
It is submitted in view of these amendments and remarks that all grounds for rejection have been removed. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are therefore earnestly solicited. Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there is any matter or issue that can be resolved through a telephone conference.

No fee is due for new claims 79, 80 and 81 since Applicants have previously paid for three (3) extra independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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